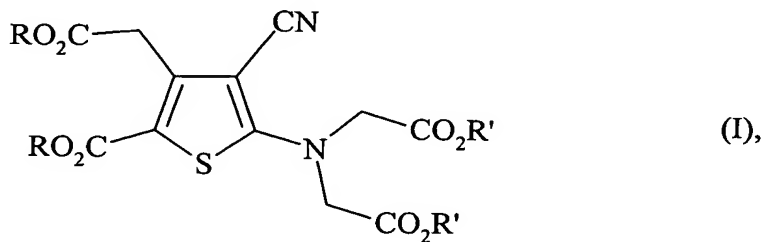


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

**PROCESS FOR THE INDUSTRIAL SYNTHESIS OF TETRAESTERS OF
5-[BIS(CARBOXYMETHYL)AMINO]-3-CARBOXYMETHYL-4-CYANO-2-
THIOPHENECARBOXYLIC ACID, AND APPLICATION TO THE SYNTHESIS
OF BIVALENT SALTS OF RANELIC ACID AND THEIR HYDRATES**

Process for the industrial synthesis of compounds of formula (I) :



wherein R and R', which are the same or different, each represent linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl.

Application to the synthesis of bivalent salts of ranelic acid and more especially strontium ranelate and its hydrates.